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Herbert THANNER et al.) GROUP: 1751
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We, Herbert Thanner and Peter W. Krempl, who are the named inventors of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified U.S. patent application and who respectively reside at Plabutscherstrasse 123d/ii/15, A-8020 Graz, Austria, and Äussere Ragnitz 97, A-8047 Kainbach, Austria, declare and state as follows:

- We are exclusive co-inventors of the subject matter of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.
- 2. The article entitled "Elastic Constants and Temperature-Compensated Orientations of GaPO₄" in <u>15th European Frequency and Time Forum Neuchātel</u>, XP 008009573, March 6, 2001, pp. 50-54, as cited by the examiner in his Office Action dated July 1, 2004, identifies

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ourselves, together C. Reiter, W. Wallnöfer and P.M. Worsch as coauthors. However, Part 4 of the article (entitled "Resonator Properties"), which includes a partial disclosure of the invention, was written entirely by us as this was our invention. Messrs. Reiter, Wallnöfer and Worsch were not coinventors with us in deriving the invention.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent

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